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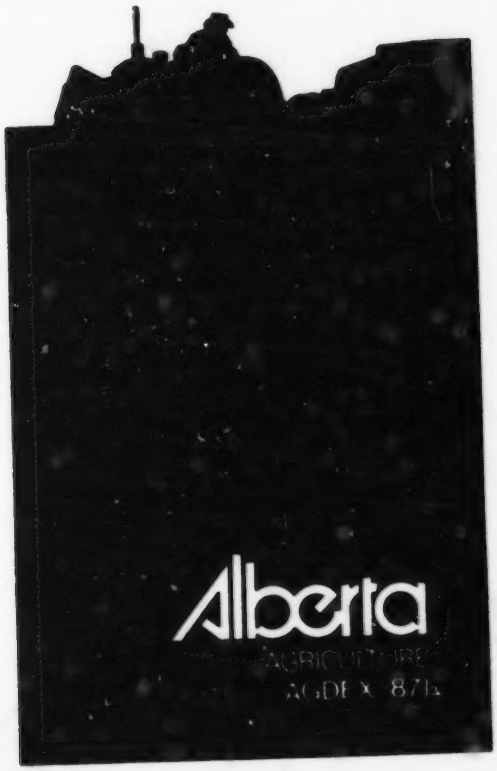

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PREFACE

Government assistance programs for the agricultural producer are numerous and constantly changing. These programs take various forms. To help the Alberta farmer keep abreast of the programs this publication lists various financial and management assistance programs currently available to the agricultural producers of this province. Each financial assistance program is briefly described, outlining eligibility criteria and where to apply. In addition to the financial assistance programs, other management assistance programs are briefly described under the section "Additional Programs Available to Alberta Farmers". This listing, far from complete, provides an indication of the variety of government services available to Alberta farmers. A separate publication "Sources of Farm Business Credit in Alberta, Agdex 832" is available which describes agricultural credit sources.

It is expected that this publication will be useful to farmers who wish to become aware of the assistance opportunities available or wish to determine their eligibility for programs offered. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy as of June 10, 1983. Because of the continual changes that are taking place with respect to these programs, the details are subject to change at any time. **More detailed and current information on these programs should be obtained from the agencies receiving applications.**

This publication is revised on a regular basis. Any ideas regarding changes in the contents of this publication would be appreciated.

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I. AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD GRANTS

Purpose: Provides funding to assist rural municipalities to develop agricultural programs and services for the farming public.

The objectives of the Department of Agriculture in Agriculture Service Board funding are to participate with local governments in:

- hiring of personnel to carry out agriculture service board programs.
- carrying out programs or projects related to both provincial and local agriculture priorities which will preserve and improve our agriculture production capability.
- introducing the farming public to the latest in agriculture production techniques developed at the local, provincial or national level.
- strengthen the independence and capability of the farmers to deal with factors affecting agriculture production, such as soil conservation and pest control.
- the development of a balanced agriculture program which will assist farmers in meeting the requirements of provincial acts and in providing the manpower and Funds for act enforcement when necessary.

Terms: Each board develops and carries out programs designed to meet the needs of of its district. Provincial grants are provided in relationship to provincially defined priorities and for defined and regionally approved local priority programs.

Grants apply to all costs incurred in the conduct of any project including purchase of materials, rental of land, facilities or equipment, custom work and labor. Up to 60% of total cost (unless specified otherwise in these guidelines) will be assumed by the Department with the remainder to be assumed by the municipality and/or farmer. Capital purchases require prior approval. Equipment purchased for rental to farmers is not eligible for maintenance assistance since the rental charge should offset this expense. Trucks and roadside spraying equipment are assisted on a rental basis only. Chemicals used on private land are not eligible for cost sharing except for demonstration.

Some projects which may be carried out include:

- providing specialized equipment such as portable scales, pumping equipment grass seeders, sprayers on a rental basis to producers.
- persistent perennial weed control programs.
- soil erosion prevention and soil reclamation programs.
- roadside backsloping and seeding programs.
- shelterbelt and horticultural beautification programs.
- extension and demonstration programs to explain and illustrate new technology in crop and livestock production and weed, disease and pest control methods.
- forage crop improvement and management demonstration programs.
- beaver flood control.

Available to: Rural Municipalities.

Apply to: Local Agricultural Service Board.

II. AGRICULTURAL CREDIT PROGRAMS

1. Beginning Farmer Program

Purpose: To assist individuals to establish potentially viable farming units.

Terms: Short and long term loans to a maximum of $200,000 at the current preferred lending rate. Incentive grants are provided for the first five years of the loan if the borrower follows the conditions set out.

Available to: Beginning farmers who have assets of less than $350,000 and net worth of less than $175,000 after the loan is provided and who have not operated a viable unit in the past.

Apply to: Alberta Agricultural Development Corporation.

2. Direct Farm Loan Program

Purpose: To assist primary producers to develop and maintain viable farms.

Terms: Short and long term loans up to $200,000 at or below the Corporation's preferred lending rate, depending on qualifications.

Available to: Applicants who cannot arrange satisfactory term loans from conventional lenders. Asset and net worth levels are considered to determine eligibility.

Apply to: Alberta Agricultural Development Corporation.

3. Alberta Heritage Fund Small Business & Farm Interest Shielding Program

Purpose: To provide temporary assistance to existing businesses that have or will be affected by high interest rates.

Terms: The program is designed to reduce the interest on loans to earn active business income.

If your existing interest rate on a loan is 14-1/2% or more, the program provides for interest reimbursement up to a maximum of 6% resulting in an effective interest rate of 14-1/2%. When the existing interest rate on a loan is below 20-1/2% interest reimbursement will be made on the difference between the actual loan rate and 14-1/2%.

Maximum loan amount eligible for interest shielding will be established as (1) the average indebtedness of the business over the 12-month period August 1981 to August 31, 1982, or (2) the loan amount outstanding on August 31, 1982, whichever is greater to a maximum of $150,000. Loans must be with designated financial institutions.

This is a two-year program, retroactive to March 1, 1982. Payments will be calculated and paid on a semi-annual basis from this date.

Before applying under this program, farmers should determine their eligibility under the Alberta Heritage Mortgage Interest Reduction Plan.

Available to: All small businesses and farms in Alberta with total revenue of $5 million or less over the past fiscal year. For further information contact the nearest District Office of Alberta Agriculture or:

Apply to: Alberta Heritage Fund Small Business & Farm Interest Shielding Program

Contact for Edmonton	Contact for Calgary	Other Alberta Centers
4th Fl., Financial Bldg. 10621 - 100 Ave. Edmonton, Alberta T5J 0B3 Ph. 422-5522	4th Fl., Ford Tower 633 - 6th Ave. S.W. Calgary, Alberta T2P 2Y5 Ph. 297-5235	Executive Director 11th Fl., Financial Bldg. 10621 - 100 Ave. Edmonton, Alberta T5J 0B3 Ph. 1-800-642-3820 (toll free)

4. Small Business Investment Grant

Purpose: To reduce interest costs by up to 4 percentage points for two years on borrowings by small businesses to finance new investment and research and development.

Terms: Loans to small businesses by financial institutions will qualify for the new assistance program if they are used for the following purposes:

- Financing purchases after June 28, 1982 and before March 31, 1983 of new depreciable property to be used in an active business in Canada. Government guaranteed loans are eligible provided they meet other qualifications.

- Financing expenditures on scientific research after June 28, 1982 and before March 31, 1983.

Loans to finance purchases of land, automobiles or property for lease will not qualify.

The total amount of eligible loans to a business or related group of businesses will be limited to $500,000, and to qualify loans must be for at least $10,000.

The 4 percentage-point grant will be reduced in cases where the grant and any other assistance available would reduce interest on the loan to less than 12 per cent.

Loan must be disbursed by March 31, 1983 to qualify. An applicant borrowing to build must receive his complete mortgage draw before March 31, 1983 in order for the total amount of loan to qualify.

Available to: Both small business corporations and unincorporated enterprises that carry on an active business in Canada can qualify under the program. Small business corporations are Canadian-controlled private corporations eligible for the low small business tax rate. Consult your accountant to see if you qualify for the Small Business tax rate.

Apply to: Your local Chartered Banks, Credit Unions, Treasury Branches, Farm Credit Corporation or other participating institutions, i.e. Machinery Finance Companies.

NOTE: Only loans disbursed and loan proceeds used for eligible purposes before April 1, 1983 qualify for the interest subsidy.

III. CROP, PASTURE AND SOIL PROGRAMS

A. GENERAL

1. Exhibitors Assistance at Royal Agricultural Winter Fair-Field Crops

Purpose: To increase the interest and encourage exhibiting at the Royal Winter Fai .

Terms: Grants are provided for:
- Cost of transportation of the exhibit from Alberta to Toronto
- payment of prizes equal to the schedule paid by the Royal Winter Fair in all pedigree seed classes
- additionally, a special honorarium up to $100 for each first prize won in the pedigree classes
- the honorarium will be increased to $200 for any grand champion and $150 for any reserve champion prize won in the above classes.

Available to: Exhibitors with displays approved by the Plant Industry Division of Alberta Agriculture

Apply to: Field Crops Branch
Alberta Agriculture
Bag Service 47
LACOMBE, Alberta
TOC 1S0

2. Wildlife Damage Fund For Crops

Purpose: To compensate individuals whose crops are damaged by wildlife (Big Game and Game Birds as defined by the Game Act).

Terms: Compensation is based on an assessment of damage by an Alberta Hail and Crop Insurance Corporation insurance adjuster and is presently based on $50 per acre or 75% of the value of the crop at the time of damage, which ever is the lesser. No claim will be processed if the crop is harvested prior to the appraisal. Anyone who has received a claim will have his $25 appraisal fee refunded. Damage under 10% is not eligible. Any damage over 90% is considered 100%.

No payment will be made when the total compensation is less than $100/crop. Crop valuation rates are subject to periodic changes as well as the basis used for awards paid to claimants.

Notice of damage will not be accepted if it is received more than 15 days after harvesting in the general area is considered to have been completed for the year. In the event that harvesting in the general area could not be completed, all claims must be submitted by the end of the year.

Available to: Alberta crop producers who suffer losses, and who pay an appraisal fee of $25 per section.

Apply to: One of the fifty three Alberta Hail and Crop Insurance Corporation offices in Alberta.

B. VEGETABLES

1. Market Garden Development Program

Purpose: To increase market garden production of vegetables and small fruit in Alberta.

Terms: The assistance is in the form of a development grant for the purchase of seed, fertilizer, equipment, etc. The grant payment is up to a maximum of $750 for a minimum of one hectare of vegetable and/or fruit production required for eligibility. A producing unit can only receive this form of assistance for a maximum of two years.

Available to: Market gardeners who produce, harvest and sell all produce from a minimum of one hectare of land, fully planted to vegetables and/or small fruit (excluding potatoes).

Apply to: Alberta Horticultural Research Centre
Bag Service 200
BROOKS, Alberta
T0J 0J0

prior to July 1st of the crop year.

2. Vegetable and Potato Storage Program

Purpose: To improve the productivity and viability of the vegetable industry in Alberta. Loan funds may be used for constructing new, or to modify or improve existing potato and vegetable storage facilities, including ventilation, humidification and refrigeration equipment; specialized equipment for produce handling capabilities such as bin loading and unloading equipment, graders, vegetable and potato washing, waxing, grading and handling equipment, but excluding motorized mobile equipment.

Terms: The maximum amount of loan eligible for the incentive rebate is $100,000.

The annual incentive to those who qualify will be $70 per $1,000 of the original eligible loan amount for a period of five years. Incentive cannot exceed the total annual interest paid.

An annual inspection of the facility will be made by the A.D.C. loans officer.

Applicants must apply for the incentive annually after a complete installment of principal and interest has been paid. The application must be received within a period of six months of the loan's anniversary date.

Available to: Potato growers licensed by the Alberta Potato Commission. Vegetable growers licensed by the Alberta Fresh Vegetable Marketing Board.

Apply to: Alberta Agricultural Development Corporation loans officer or Alberta Agriculture's Plant Industry Division.

C) PASTURE

1. Range and Soil Improvement Program

Purpose: To increase farm and ranch income by assisting and promoting land improvement and development measures so as to increase land productivity. Eligible projects include:

a) Brushing and/or breaking previously uncultivated land for agricultural purposes.
b) Seeding pasture and haylands to suitable tame species on soils with adequate potential.
c) Purchase and application of agricultural lime or marl to reduce soil acidity (a lime requirement soil test is a prerequisite for this purpose).
d) Deep plowing (18 to 24") of solonetzic soils (prior inspection and approval by Alberta Agriculture Soil Specialist is required).
e) Brush control through mechanical or biological means.
f) Fence construction to facilitate grazing rotations and grazing utilization or to facilitate the use of additional areas by grazing animals.
g) Trails to improve animal access (in bush covered areas).
h) Poisonous plant control and range weed control.
i) Drainage where necessary to develop small depressional areas. (Approval in writing by Alberta Environment may be required).

Terms: The maximum amount of loan eligible for incentive payment is $10,000 for each individual farm or ranch; for partnerships and corporations $10,000 for the first family plus $5,000 for each additional family to a maximum of $20,000. The families must be actively involved in the farming or ranching operation.

Incentive payments of 7% on original loan eligible for incentive will be paid each year for a maximum of five years. Incentive cannot exceed the total annual interest paid.

Applicants must apply for the incentive annually after a complete instalment of principal and interest has been paid. The application must be received within a period of six months of the loan's anniversary date.

Available to: All farmers or ranchers who own land in the Province of Alberta.

Apply to: Contact your nearest District Agriculturist to determine if your project is eligible for the incentive at which time an application will be completed.

2. Range Improvement Assistance Program

Purpose: Provide incentive to the livestock producer to improve the forage production and utilization of rangelands held under grazing disposition issued by Alberta Energy and Natural Resources.

Terms: The following three separate programs provide assistance to grazing disposition holders:

a. 100% funding of all approved range improvement projects to eligible applicants. Funding of up to $22,000 is available per applicant.

Funding priority will be given to applicants who have a brush encroachment problem or other significant resource related problem on their grazing disposition, and to small scale farmers or ranchers.

b. A disposition rental credit equivalent to 25% of the cost of range maintenance projects and certain livestock distribution facilities.

c. Exemption from the increase in rental that normally results from the conversion of low quality rangelands, i.e., brush to tame forage. Under this program the disposition holder may also be permitted to grow cereal or oil seed crops for a specific number of years without payment of cropshare.

Available to: Holders of grazing dispositions issued by Alberta Energy and Natural Resources.

Apply to: Range Improvement and Development Section
Public Lands Division
Alberta Energy and Natural Resources
4th Floor, Petroleum Plaza, South Tower
9915 - 108 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5K 2C9 Ph. 427-3598

D) SOIL

1. Agriculture Lime Freight Assistance Program

Purpose: To assist farmers in acid soil areas with the cost of transporting lime or marl, and to promote the development of a provincial agricultural lime industry.

Terms: The government will pay 80% of the transportation costs of hauling agricultural lime in excess of the $5.50 per tonne, and 50% of the cost of transporting marl up to $ 5.50 per cubic meter. Transportation assistance is based on the producer's receipted invoice of transportation costs. Assistance is available to producers who use their own vehicle to transport lime or marl all or part of the distance from a quarry to their farms.

The maximum rates for commercial carriers is as follows:
up to 200 km. .... 11¢ per tonne/km.
up to 400 km. .... 9¢ per tonne/km.
up to 600 km. .... 7¢ per tonne/km.
more than 600 km. .... 5¢/per tonne/km.

Farmers transporting lime for their own use will be allowed 70% of the maximum commercial rate.

Available to: All farmers requiring lime or marl for land application.

Apply to: Local district agriculturist.

IV. ENERGY

1. Alberta Farm Fuel Distribution Allowance

Purpose: Program is designed to assist Alberta farmers by reducing farm fuel expenses.

Terms: When an Alberta farmer purchases fuel for his farming operation the price of purple gasoline, purple diesel fuel and purple heating oil is reduced by 7 cents per litre (approximately 32 cents/gal). The reduction is to be shown on the purchase invoice.

Available to: A person engaged in farming operations in Alberta who has furnished the bulk dealer with signed copies of the prescribed declaration.

Apply to: A bulk dealer in fuel oil who carries on business in Alberta.

2. Assistance for Rental or Purchase of Fuel Oil or Propane Tank

Purpose: To offset costs associated with the purchaseor rental of fuel oil or propane tanks.

Terms: a. Purchase of fuel oil or propane tank for those individuals to whom natural gas service is not available. A tank purchased after April 30, 1973 is eligible for a grant in the amount of 40% of the cost of the purchase price, up to a maximum of $500.

b. Rental of a fuel oil or propane tank. A tank rented after April 30, 1973 is eligible for a grant in an amount up to 40% of the cost of rental up to a maximum of $500.

Proof of payment of purchase or annual rental are necessary for verification.

Available to: a. Rural residents not served with natural gas and who have a permanent residence outside the boundaries of a franchise area.

b. Rural residents within a part of a franchise area where a distributor certifies that natural gas is not or was not available at the time of purchase or rental cost being claimed.

Apply to: Business and Grants Section
Alberta Utilities and Telecommunications
6th Floor, Westcor Building
12323 Stony Plain Road
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5N 3Y9 Ph. 427-0130

3. Canada Oil Substitution Program (C.O.S.P.)

Purpose: This program provides Government of Canada grants to homeowners and businesses to help meet the costs of converting their heating systems from oil to more plentiful domestic energy resources.

Terms: C.O.S.P. has two parts. The first part operates through natural gas utilities to provide grants toward conversions to gas. A second part of C.O.S.P. will assist those who choose to convert to energy sources other than gas, such as wood, solar heating or propane (outside natural gas areas).

C.O.S.P. provides taxable grants covering half the eligible costs of materials and labour for conversion of your heating system, up to a maximum grant of $800 for single family residences.

Available to: C.O.S.P. grants are available to homeowners and to tenants whose landlords have agreed that the tenants may undertake and pay for conversions. C.O.S.P. grants may be obtained also for conversions by businesses and by non-profit organizations, churches, school boards, hospitals, homes for the aged and libraries.

The program applies to conversion of residential and business space heating and water heating systems. Properties such as cottages are not eligible unless they are used as principal residences. Grants for heated swimming pools will be available only for conversion to solar heating.

Apply to: Energy, Mines and Resources Canada
Conservation and Renewable Energy Branch
200 Grandin Park Plaza
22 Sir Winston Churchill Avenue
ST. ALBERT, Alberta
T8N 1B4
Phone: 420-4035 or toll free 1-800-222-6477

4. Canadian Home Insulation Program

Purpose: To provide funds for reducing the heat loss through the envelope of Canadian homes. Specifically, the objective of the program is to reduce residential energy consumption for heating purposes by 30%. This objective is based on the thermal up-grading of 70% of Canadian homes built prior to 1971 by the year 1987.

Program: Provides 60% of the cost of approved materials; or approved materials and labour including insulation, vapour barriers, caulking, wheatherstripping and improved ventilation up to a maximum of $500. For example, to get the full $500 grant, the homeowner would have to spend $830 on materials or would have paid $830 to a contractor for labour and materials. Spend less and the grant is reduced accordingly. The grant is taxable.

Eligibility: A building is eligible if it is a principal residence (vacation homes not included) or a non-profit hostel, tree storeys or less in height, and if it was built before January 1, 1971. This applies to mobile homes built before 1971 also. Insulating contractors must be listed with the Canadian General Standards Board.

Apply to: Two stage application system is required. Homeowners and tenants may apply by calling the CHIP office or through a Canadian General Standards Board listed contractor. An individual application form will be sent to the applicant together with information about the program.

Source of Program: Canadian Home Insulation Program
Box 3030, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 2G6
Telephone: 420-2459 (in the Edmonton area)
1-800-232-9492 (toll free)

Home Insulation Questions: Enersave's "Heatline" (toll free 1-800-267-9563)

5. Federal Excise Tax Refund On Gasoline

Purpose: Provide lower fuel costs for farmers.

Terms: Excise Tax of 1.5¢/litre after Jan. 1/79 is refundable to farmers on gasoline used in their farming operations.

Claims may be submitted at six month intervals for periods ending December 31 and June 30 or when the tax claimable amounts to $200, subject to a maximum of one claim per month.

Applications for refunds must be made within four years of the date of purchase of the gasoline. It is not necessary to submit receipts of vouchers with a claim, but each claimant must retain documentation for audit purposes.

Available to: Individual producers using gasoline for farming operations.

Apply to: Local post office or
Revenue Canada - Excise
Calgary Region
470, 220 - 4 Ave. S.E.
CALGARY, Alberta T2P 3B7

OR

District Excise Office
Manulife Building
610, 10055 - 106 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5J 2Y2

6. New Home Energy Analysis Service

The HOTCAN computer program designed by the National Research Council in Saskatoon is used to estimate the annual energy costs for new homes at the design stage. People planning to build a home can run different door, window, wall, ceiling and basement R-values through the computer, along with other features such as house orientation, air infiltration rate, heat exchangers, etc. Design information is submitted on special data sheets.

Apply to: Technical Advisor, Conservation & Renewable Energy Office
Energy, Mines & Resource Canada
Room 200, 22 Sir Winston Churchill Avenue
ST. ALBERT, Alberta T8N 1B4
Telephone: 1-800-222-6477 (toll free) or 420-4035

7. Primary Agricultural Producers Rebate Program

Purpose: To provide a direct rebate of natural gas costs to consumers engaged in primary agricultural production.

Terms: The program rebates 50¢ per gigajoule on consumption of natural gas of over 300 gigajoules, and up to a maximum of 10,000 gigajoules used during a calendar year by an applicant.

The program is retroactive to January 1, 1982 and will terminate on December 31, 1984.

Available To: Agricultural producers engaged in the production of field crops, livestock and poultry operations, greenhouses (including ornamental), irrigation, grain drying, and sod and peat moss farms.

Apply To: Rebates Branch, Alberta Utilities and Telecommunications
2nd Floor, 12323 Stony Plain Road
Edmonton, Alberta T5N 3Y9 Phone: 422-1233

8. Propane Vehicle Grant Program

Purpose: To assist farmers and commercial fleet operators to convert their vehicles to propane.

Terms: This federal program offers a taxable grant of up to $400 for each eligible vehicle either purchased new with a propane fuel system or converted to propane from gasoline. Conversions of diesel powered vehicles to mixed diesel-propane fuel systems are also eligible for the propane grant as well as numerous commercial road vehicles. There is no limit on fleetage.

Available to: This program is available to all farm vehicle owners as well as some owners of commercial road vehicles such as:

- corporations and individuals carrying on a business in Canada
- certain federal crown corporations
- non-profit organizations certified by National Revenue Taxation as charitable organizations
- municipalities, regional governments, and boards, commissions and authorities established by them.

Apply to: Energy, Mines and Resources Canada
Conservation and Renewable Energy Branch
200 Grandin Park Plaza
22 Sir Winston Churchill Avenue
ST. ALBERT, Alberta T8N 1B4

phone: 420-4035 or toll-free 1-800-222-6477

9. Rebate on Propane and Fuel Oil

Purpose: Provide rebate on propane and fuel oil used for heating if natural gas is not available.

Terms: Effective from October 1, 1980, residents of areas not serviced by a franchised natural gas distributor or within a franchised area where it is not feasible to hook-up at present are eligible for a direct rebate up to 35% on the purchase price of propane and fuel oil.

Propane used for drying grain and in irrigation pumps is also eligible for rebate if natural gas is not available in the volume required or if the units must be portable.

After July 1, 1982 applications for rebate must be received within one year of the date of fuel purchase.

Available to: All Alberta farmers not serviced with natural gas.

Apply to: Director, Rebate Branch
Alberta Utilities and Telecommunications
7th Floor, Westcor Building
12323 Stony Plain Road
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5N 3Y9
(403) 427-0122

V. LIVESTOCK

A. GENERAL

1. Anthrax Identification Program

Purpose: Compensation to reduce the losses of a farmer whose animals die from this disease.

Terms: The payment for cattle, horses, sheep, swine and goats which have to be destroyed because of this disease is the market value of the animals, subject to limits. As well, free vaccination is provided to treat the herd annually. Confirmation of disease must be done by a federal veterinarian. Compensation is available for confirmed cases up to $500 for cattle, $350 for horses and $200 for sheep, swine and goats.

Available to: Farmers with confirmed cases of Anthrax in their herds.

Apply to: One of the 19 district offices of Health of Animals Branch, Agriculture Canada.

2. Assistance For Livestock Exhibitors

Purpose: To help defray costs and encourage the exhibiting of livestock at major out-of-province shows.

Terms: **Agribition - Regina** Exhibitors at the Agribition in Regina will receive financial assistance, on the basis of a cash grant per head, as follows:

- breeding cattle - $100 per animal exhibited, or $100 for a cow/calf pair exhibited.
- market steer - $75 per animal
- goats or swine - $35 per animal.

Toronto Royal Winter Fair Exhibitors at the Royal Winter Fair are eligible for assistance in the form of a cash grant per head basis as follows:

- breeding cattle - $200 per animal or $200 per cow/calf pair exhibited in beef and dairy classes
- horses - $200 per animal shown in breeding classes
- sheep, goats or swine - $70 per animal
- market classes - steers - $150 per animal
- market lambs or pigs - $40 per animal

Pacific National Exhibition - Vancouver Exhibitors to the P.N.E. will receive financial assistance only on individual animals and groups of animals which place in their respective classes. This assistance will be equal to the prize money paid for that placing.

Special awards, such as those given by breed associations, will not be duplicated.

Beef and dairy cattle, sheep, goats, swine and horses in non-performance classes are all eligible for this assistance. Verification of prize money won (e.g. a copy of the fair-board statement) must be provided.

National Sheep Classic Show - Brandon Exhibitors to the Sheep Classic Show in Brandon will receive financial assistance, on the basis of a cash grant per head, as follows:

- breeding sheep - $55 per animal exhibited.

National Western Stock Show - Denver Exhibitors at the Western National Stock Show are eligible for assistance in the form of a cash grant per animal, as follows:
- beef breeding cattle shown singly - $200 per animal.
- bulls shown in group of 3 or 5 animals- $150 per animal.
- bulls in carload lots - $100 per animal (maximum of 12).

Designated U.S. National Sheep Shows An exhibitor is eligible for assistance to one designated U.S. National Sheep show in a given calendar year. A cash grant, per head of breeding sheep shown, will be paid on the following basis (pro-rated according to distance from Alberta).

Breed	Show Location	Grant
Columbia	Orland, California	$ 65 per animal
Corriedale	Kansas City, Missouri	$105 per animal
Dorset	Eaton, Ohio	$120 per animal
Hampshire	Albequerque, N.M.	$ 95 per animal
Rambouillet	San Angelo, Texas	$110 per animal
Suffolk	Louisville, Kentucky	$120 per animal

A list of designated show dates is available from the Head of Special Projects Section of the Beef Cattle and Sheep Branch.

Available to: Any breed unit will be eligible for assistance on a maximum of twelve entries. A "breed unit" is defined as all animals of a given breed owned singly or jointly by the exhibitor identified in the show catalogue. An "entry" is defined as an individual animal entered in a single class or as a group of animals entered in a pen class provided they have not also been entered in single classes. For any given breed unit not more than twenty animals will be eligible for assistance in pen or group classes.

Apply to: Special Projects Section
Beef Cattle and Sheep Branch
Animal Industry Division
Alberta Agriculture
7000, 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6 phone: 427-5335

3. Livestock Disaster Program

Purpose: Compensation for loss of swine, sheep and poultry due to natural disaster involving livestock.

Terms: Payment is based on 80% of the slaughter value or normal commercial market value of animals at the time of loss. Slaughter value compensation for confirmed losses is established by a committee.

Available to: Farmers who lose livestock due to natural disaster.

Apply to: Local district agriculturists, agricultural fieldmen, practising veterinarian, departmental species specialist, or

Chairman
Livestock Disaster and Predator Indemnity Program
Alberta Agriculture
7000 - 113 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T6H 5T6

4. Livestock Predator Indemnity Program

Purpose: Compensation for loss of cattle, swine, sheep, goats and poultry due to predation.

Terms: Payment is based on 80% of the slaughter value or normal commercial market value of animals at the time of loss. Slaughter value compensation for confirmed losses is established by a committee. Predator kill must be verified by a public official.

There is also partial payment on probable losses associated with confirmed losses (i.e. losses claimed by the farmer, although not proved or confirmed by a public official).

Apply to: Local District Agriculturist, agricultural fieldmen, fish and wildlife officer, practising veterinarian, predator specialist, or

Chairman,
Livestock Disaster and Predator Indemnity Program
Alberta Agriculture
7000, 113 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta.
T6H 5T6

5. Rabies Identification Program

Purpose: Compensation for livestock that die or have to be destroyed because of rabies.

Terms: There is no provision for the payment of compensation under the Animal Disease Protection Act, however, in some provinces an arrangement has been entered into between the federal and provincial governments to pay an indemnity for loss of domestic livestock due to rabies.

A certificate, indicating death due to rabies, is completed by a full-time veterinarian. The diagnosis may be based on clinical or laboratory findings.

Available to: Persons whose animals contract rabies.

Apply to: Veterinary Inspection and Operations, Agriculture Canada. Diagnosis of disease must be confirmed by the federal veterinarian at one of the 19 district offices in Alberta.

6. Tuberculosis/Brucellosis Compensation Program And Johne's Disease Assistance

Purpose: Compensation and advisory assistance for animals that have to be destroyed because of these diseases.

Terms: Compensation is paid on the following basis:
- Grade Beef Cattle - up to $1,000
- Grade Dairy Cattle - up to $1,200
- Purebred Beef Cattle - up to $1,500
- Purebred Dairy Cattle - up to $1,800

This compensation is made up of a combination of salvage value of the carcass plus a government grant. If the salvage value of the carcass is more than the specific allocation, no additional government grant is made.

Disease must be confirmed by a meat inspector or federal veterinarian.

Johne's Disease is not a reportable disease and is the responsibility of the practitioner. Health of Animals Branch is involved in an advisory capacity only and no direct compensation will be paid.

Available to: Farmers with livestock contracting tuberculosis, brucellosis, or Johne's Disease.

Apply to: Health of Animals Branch, Agriculture Canada at one of 19 district offices in Alberta.

B) BEES

Compensation Program For Bear Damage

Purpose: Program provides compensation for bear damage to equipment and bees; it does not compensate for loss of honey or production.

All bear damage must be reported to a Fish and Wildlife Office within 24 hours (telephone report acceptable).

Terms: The maximum cumulative claim per producer for one year is $5,000. Claims over $200 or cumulative losses exceeding $500 in a calendar year must be verified by a government official.

Available to: Beekeepers registered under the Alberta Bee Act who have at least 40 hives and obtain their principal income from bees or bee products. Recipients must also have an approved operating electric fence at the site. Deadline for submission is December 31, 1983.

Apply to: For details and claim forms contact:

Cliff Barrett
Supervisor of Animal Pest Control
2nd Floor, Agriculture Building
7000 - 113 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T6H 5T6
Ph. 427-5370

Submit claims to:

Dr. G.W. Summers, Chairman
Bear Damage Compensation Program
Alberta Agriculture
Animal Health Division
Box 8070, Postal Station F.
EDMONTON, Alberta
T6H 4P2

C. DAIRY

Federal Dairy Subsidy Program

Purpose: Payments are made to dairy producers to compensate for the difference between the market price and the cost of production.

Terms: Subsidy for 1982-83 is $6.03 per hectolitre on industrial milk with butter of 3.6 kilograms per hl. or $1.676 per kg. of butterfat less a within-quota levy of $5.14/hl. to create funds to subsidize the export of skim milk powder.

Available to: Producers must hold a market share quota. Maximum production per individual is 14,400 kg. of butterfat or in the case of partnerships, multiples of 14,400 kg. per partner with maximum of three partners or shareholders.

Apply to: For further information (quota transfer, etc.) contact:

Alberta Dairy Control Board
5201 - 50 Avenue
WETASKIWIN, Alberta
T9A 0S7

D. HOGS

Pork Producers Market Insurance Program

Purpose: To provide a voluntary producer contributory plan for assuring a specific level of return related to certain production costs for market hogs produced in Alberta.

Terms: The program is effective from July 1, 1981 to March 31, 1985. Alberta Agriculture has funded the program with a one-time grant at the outset. Premiums were fixed at 2.5% of gross hog sales at the outset, and are now adjusted down to 1% or up to 4% each quarter throughout the program, as deemed necessary by the administrators. Feed costs are assessed monthly, and a return of feed costs plus $66 (basis July, 1981) is guaranteed, with the $66 aspect adjusted quarterly by indices for non-feed production costs. Sows, stags, deads, condemned and hogs indexing less than 80 are excluded.

Available to: All eligible individuals, societies and companies who raise and market hogs in Alberta. Producers must have been enrolled by September 18, 1981 and, thereafter only new producers will be admitted who have not previously sold market hogs in Alberta after July 1, 1981 to present. The producer and the operation has its eligibility determined by its production status since July 1, 1981, if the operation was not producing hogs as of July 1, 1981 or after, the operation or the producer is eligible to join the Program.

Apply to: P.P.M.I.P. Administrator
Alberta Pork Producers Marketing Board
10319 Princess Elizabeth Avenue
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5G 0Y5
Ph. 474-8288

Pork Industry Branch
Alberta Agriculture
Agriculture Building
7000 - 113 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T6H 5T6

or contact your district agriculturist or regional swine specialist.

E) HORSES

Swamp Fever Of Horses (Equine Infectious Anemia)

Purpose: Compensation for horses which have to be destroyed because of swamp fever.

Terms: Maximum payment of $200 per head, plus salvage value of the animal.

Diagnosis of swamp fever done by the use of Coggin's test and the result confirmed by a federal veterinarian.

Available to: Persons with horses contracting Swamp Fever.

Apply to: Health of Animals Branch, Agriculture Canada at one of 19 district offices in Alberta.

F) POULTRY

Newcastle Disease In Poultry

Purpose: Compensation for losses of poultry that die from Newcastle Disease.

Terms: Compensation for losses of birds and eggs is based on the market value as determined by an inspector.

Available to: Farmers whose poultry is infected with Newcastle Disease.

Apply to: Health of Animals Branch, Agriculture Canada. Disease must be confirmed by a federal veterinarian at one of 19 district offices in Alberta.

G) SHEEP

Sheep Producer's Incentive Program

Purpose: To improve the productivity and viability of the sheep industry in Alberta by making financing available with special terms and conditions.

Loan funds may be used for purchasing or modification of specialized equipment required for sheep production; construction, alteration or repair of buildings used in sheep production, including feedlot facilities; construction, alteration or repair of electric page-wire, wooden or barbed wire fences and corrals; purchase of breeding stock; other purposes approved by A.D.C.

Terms: The maximum amount of loan eligible for the incentive payment is $40,000.

Incentive payments of 7% on original loan eligible for incentive will be paid each year for a maximum of five years. Incentive cannot exceed the total annual interest paid by the applicant under this program.

Available to: An established or potential sheep producer residing within the province of Alberta.

Apply to: Alberta Agriculture Development Corporation loans officer who determines the eligibility for the rebate.

Applicants must apply for the incentive annually after a complete instalment or principal and interest has been paid. The application must be received within a period of six months of the loan's anniversary date.

VI. WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS - P.F.R.A.

Purpose: To provide technical and financial assistance to bonafide farmers and ranchers in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta for the development of on-farm water sources.

Eligibility:

1. The applicant must be a bonafide farmer or rancher, and the project must be located on a bonafide farm or ranch, on land owned or controlled by the applicant. For the purpose of this program, a bonafide farmer or rancher is a person who is recognized as such for income tax purposes. Individuals whose major source of income is not farming, and who carries out "minor farming activities" with no reasonable expectation of profit, are NOT ELIGIBLE.

2. Prior to any development being undertaken, application must be made to PFRA on appropriate application form, or by personally contacting one of the PFRA Soil & Water Conservation Branch Offices. Failure to comply with this requirement could render prospective recipients ineligible for a contribution.

3. Applicant is required to construct projects according to established standards and specifications provided by PFRA and various provincial government agencies.

4. Projects requiring authorization by provincial Water Rights Branch must be approved by the provincial branch prior to financial contribution being recommended.

NOTE: This policy will be in effect from April 1, 1983 to March 31, 1984. Applications for wells, dugouts and other source development projects (not requiring water rights approval) completed during this period will be accepted until March 31, 1985.

Terms: Financial assistance will be provided on the basis of one-third of eligible costs or specified unit prices (whichever is less) to the maximums stated below. As detailed below, unit prices will be applied for some items of work or material.

Unit Price Maximums:

Earthwork - $0.26 per cubic metre ($0.20 per cubic yard).
Materials - one third of the cost of approved materials.

Individual Stockwatering Dams, Dugouts and Other Source Developments Financial Assistance will be provided on the basis of one-third of eligible costs or specified unit prices (whichever is less) to a maximum of $1650.00 per Stockwatering Dam, Dugout or Other Source Development.

Eligible costs include earthwork, pipeline installation, rock, sand, gravel, concrete, culverts, water control gates, plastic pipe, or any other approved material used in construction of the project.

Individual Farm Wells Small Diameter wells (normally rotary, cable tool or jetted). One-third of eligible costs or $20.00 per metre ($6.10 per foot) of cased depth (including length of screen) whichever is less.

Large Diameter Wells (normally bored or excavated). One-third of eligible costs or $48.00 per metre ($14.63 per foot) of cribbed depth plus one-third the cost of a large diameter screen, whichever is less.

The maximum contribution for any one well will be $1650.00. Eligible costs include cribbing, casing, screens, development, pumptesting, etc. but does not include pumps, power or any other equipment used to draw water from the well.

Individual and Neighbour Irrigation Projects Financial Assistance will be provided on the basis of one-third of eligible costs or specified unit prices (which ever is less) to a maximum of $2,200 per project. Eligible costs include earthwork, rock, sand, gravel, concrete, culverts, water control structures, aluminum or plastic pipe, sprinkler equipment, pumps, motors, or any other approved material or equipment.

Where two or more farmers jointly develop an irrigation project, the total financial assistance per project will be based on unit prices or one-third of eligible costs, whichever is less, to a maximum of $2,200 per applicant.

IMPORTANT: Applicants for contributions are required to present invoices for materials or services, and if applicable Well Driller's Log or Report which are to be included as eligible costs for purposes of calculating contributions.

Group Projects: Subject to the availability of funds and departmental approval, financial and technical assistance will be available to eligible recipients for the development of water sources for domestic, livestock or irrigation uses.

Contributions for approved projects will be based on 50 percent (50%) of eligible costs to a maximum of $15,000; however, consideration will be given to projects where Canada's share would exceed this level.

Eligible projects will include any type of source development and the conveyance works to the point of use, but will exclude land and treatment or distribution works. Shareable costs include all services, materials and labour required for the development of water sources.

Available to: Bonafide farmers and ranchers for the development of on-farm water sources. Technical assistance is provided at no charge to locate, investigate, survey, design and inspect water source development projects and irrigation projects.

Apply to: PFRA Soil & Water Conservation Branch Offices located at:

Hanna, Alberta	(854-4448)	Red Deer, Alberta	(346-8958)
Lethbridge, Alberta	(327-4410)	Peace River, Alberta	(624-3386)
Westlock, Alberta	(349-3963)	Medicine Hat, Alberta	(526-2429)
Vegreville, Alberta	(632-2919)		

VII. OTHER

1. Alberta Heritage Fund Mortgage Interest Reduction Program

Purpose: To shield Alberta homeowners from high mortgage interest rates.

Terms: For unrenewed mortgages existing prior to September 1, 1982: interest rates below 19-1/2% will be reduced from the actual rate to 12-1/2%. Interest rates above 19-1/2% will be treated as if they were 19-1/2%.

For New Mortgages and Mortgages renewed after September 1, 1982: interest rates will be reduced from the actual rate to 12-1/2%. (Interest rates above an average market rate will be treated as if they were at the deemed market rate).

- Mortgage amounts up to $ 60,000 in mortgage principal registered at land titles or Central Registry are eligible.
- The homeowner pays the regular mortgage payments to the mortgage company but receives a monthly cheque from Alberta Government for the eligible interest Government for the eligible interest reduction benefits.
- This is a two year program with benefit payments beginning September 1, 1982 and concluding August 31, 1984.
- Eligible principal does not include the portion of the mortgage being used as a deduction for income tax purposes.

Before applying under this program, farmers should determine their eligibility under the Alberta Small Business and Farm Interest Shielding Program.

Available to: All homeowners resident in Alberta with mortgages on their principal residence at interest rates greater than 12-1/2%.

All types of permanent buildings are eligible including mobile homes on rented land. Only one benefit per household will be paid even if you or your spouse own a second home.

Apply to: Application forms are available at financial institutions including Banks and Treasury Branches and at Provincial Buildings throughout the Province.

For further information write:

The Director
Mortgage Assistance Branch
Alberta Housing and Public Works
P.O. Box 4020
Edmonton, Alberta
T6E 4S8

or phone:

Edmonton residents can phone 422-4400
Calgary residents can phone (toll free) 1-800-642-3811

Residents in other Alberta locations can phone (toll free) 1-800-642-3822

2. Alberta Home Adaptation Program For The Disabled

Purpose: Provides a $ 1,000 grant to homeowners, tenants, landlords, to facilitate occupancy by wheelchair users.

Terms: Grants will be made for permanent modifications which facilitate access by wheelchair users to their home or movement in their home.
- Applicant must have resided in Alberta for the past year.
- Grant is based on family income level.
- Application approval must be received before work can proceed.

Available to: Eligible homeowners, tenants and landlords.

Apply to: Home Adaptation Program, Alberta Housing and Public Works
P.O. Box 2453
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 3B8 Phone: 427-5760 for information.

3. Alberta Property Tax Reduction Plan

Purpose: The program is designed to reduce property taxes on the family farm home by removing the Provincial School Foundation portion of the mill rate established in the municipality.

Terms: The purpose of filing an application for the minimum benefit is to ensure ensure that an owner receives at least a minimum property tax reduction on his/her principal residence (in the case of farmland, it is the total farming unit) of $200 ($600 for an individual 65 years of age or older) or his/her total municipal taxes, whichever is lesser.

Available to: The owner of a residence or a mobile home and farm land on which municipal taxes have been levied. Minimum grant on principal residence only. Applicant must have occupied the dwelling for at least 120 days of the year, as his/her principal residence.

Apply to: Normally the tax reduction is automatic. Application for minimum benefit must be applied for when the provincial school tax levy is below the minimum grant. In this situation, apply to the local municipal office.

4. Alberta Summer Farm Employment Program (Subject to Annual Government Renewal).

Purpose: To provide farm work experience for students from July 4th to August 31, 1983.

Terms: The government will pay up to a maximum of $300 or one-half of the student's monthly salary - whichever is least - and the employer's contributions to CPP and UIC. Applicants must be at least 15 years old and have written consent of their parents if they are under 18. They must also be a resident of Alberta and must be legally entitled to work in Canada. In addition, they must be prepared to attend one of Alberta Agriculture's farm safety seminars.

Available to: Any Alberta farmer is eligible to employ a student under the program, providing he or she is not a member of the employer's family.

Apply to: Employer and employee application forms can be obtained from any district agriculturist or Canada Farm Labour Pool office.

5. Alberta Youth Employment Program

Purpose: To provide work experience opportunities within the private sector for unemployed Alberta Youth.

Terms: Between May 1 and October 31, the Government will pay 50% of the youth's wages to a maximum of $2.50 per hour, for a minimum of three months. Employees must be legally entitled to work in Canada, and may not be a member of the employer's immediate family.

Available To: Any potential employer in Alberta, including farmers.

Apply to: Application packages available from Employment Development Offices of Alberta Manpower and from Regional Offices of the Small Business Division of Tourism and Small Business.

6. Canada Mortgage Renewal Plan (CMRP)

Purpose: To provide assistance to Homeowners facing difficulty when renewing their home mortgages.

Terms: - The Plan was first introduced in November 12, 1981 and was revised on June 28, 1982. If a homeowner had a mortgage renewal between September 1, 1981 and June 28, 1982 they should contact their Mortgage Holder to see if they qualify for assistance. For those who have Mortgage renewals between June 29, 1982 and December 31, 1983, the following rules apply:

- Homeowner must be owner and occupant of housing unit.
- Maximum non-taxable grant is $ 3,000 for a 12 month period. A homeowner who receives approval for assistance prior to December 31, 1982 may reapply for assistance before December 31, 1983 for a further 12 month period.
- Grant is calculated by estimating the difference between 30% of annual household income and principal and interest payments for house mortgage and taxes.
- Farmer's total income is based on the most recent income tax return. (line 24 of income tax return).

Available to: Homeowners who experience financial difficulty when mortgages are renewed.

Apply to: The Lender holding the mortgage;

For further information contact the nearest office of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, offices are located at:

Calgary	P.O. Box 2560	T2P 2N9	265-6860
Edmonton	P.O. Box 1273	T5J 2M8	482-3431
Lethbridge	P.O. Box 907	T1J 3Z8	328-5581
Red Deer	P.O. Box 606	T4N 5G6	343-6677
Medicine Hat	P.O. Box 668	T1A 7G6	526-5237
Grande Prairie	Rm.210 11402-100 St.	T8V 2N5	532-3720

or phone: 1-800-267-4740 toll free for further information.

7. Disaster Assistance Program

Purpose: Is a program administered by Alberta Disaster Services which may provide financial assistance to municipalities and individuals in the case of emergencies and disasters. Disaster assistance to individuals is not intended to provide full compensation for damage and loss, but to aid in recovery from the occurrence. Municipalities, however, may have total costs covered covered.

Terms: Before losses and damages or municipal expenditures are considered for assistance, they must be deemed unusual and meet certain criteria, such as:

- the event was deemed extraordinary, as substantiated by historical data.
- damage and loss was widespread, affecting significant numbers of people and properties over a significant area.
- the health, safety and welfare of the affected citizens were at risk.
- it was necessary for the affected municipal authorities to conduct emergency operations.
- if warning was given, citizens and municipal authorities made serious efforts to minimize losses and damages and protect property.

Notwithstanding the foregoing criteria, if loss or damage is so devastating as to threaten the viability of a business or the economic survival of an individual or his family or in the opinion of the Minister assistance would be in the public interest, the Minister may direct the payment of any disaster assistance that he deems necessary

Available to: All.

Apply to: Alberta Disaster Services
10320 - 146 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5N 3A2 Telephone: 427-2772

8. Federal Sales Tax Exemption

Purpose: Provide farmers with production inputs without payment of sales tax.

Terms: Farmers who are producers of unconditionally exempt products are entitled to purchase machinery apparatus and parts thereof, for use directly in the manufacture or production of goods, without payment of sales tax.

Exemption is done by quoting the following certificate of exemption on their purchase order:

We certify that the goods ordered/imported hereby are to be used as outlined in Section 1, 3, and 4 of Part XIII of Schedule III of the Excise Tax Act.

_____
Signature of Purchaser

An "End Use" description should be given with this certificate. "End Use" is a term used to indicate the location and purpose for which the materials or equipment are purchased.

Pipe, pipe fittings and valves, hose, electric wire, cable and conduit and multi-purpose materials such as lumber and steel must be purchased on a tax paid basis. The tax paid is subject to refund when these goods are incorporated into production equipment.

For specific details please contact Revenue Canada - Excise. Examples of exempt equipment are: farrowing crates, drainage tile and granaries, but not other buildings.

Available to: Farmers who are producers of unconditionally exempt products.

Apply to: Revenue Canada Excise
P.O. Box 2525, Station M
CALGARY, Alberta
T2P 3B7
Telephone: 231-5672

or

District Excise Office
Manulife Building
610, 10055 - 106 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5J 2Y2 Telephone: 420-3420

9. Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP) - Rural

Purpose: To provide assistance to homeowners and landlords to help improve the housing conditions of rural Canadians.

Terms: Financial Assistance of up to $10,000 per unit is available. Depending on the applicant's income and cost of repairs, up to $5,000.00 may not have to be repaid.

Apply to: Metis Association of Alberta by calling 452-9550, or contact your local C.M.H.C. office for more information:

Edmonton	482-3431
Red Deer	343-6677
Calgary	265-6860
Lethbridge	328-5581

10. Seniors' Home Improvement Plan

Purpose: Presently provides a grant of up to $ 3,000 to Senior Citizen Homeowners to:
a. repair and improve their own home and garage
b. purchase, install, maintain, repair, clean or improve heating systems
c. purchase, install or repair of stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, air conditioners, deep freezers and dishwashers
d. purchase, install, repair, maintain or improve water heaters, water softeners, sinks, tubs or other plumbing fixtures.

Available to: Senior Citizens; widow(ers), between the ages of 55-64.

Apply to: Seniors Home Improvement Program
Alberta Department of Housing
11156 Jasper Ave. Box 2453
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 3B8
Phone: 427-5760 or call the long distance operator and ask for Zenith 22093

NOTE: Only those eligible items and services purchased after you have received your "Identification Card" will be eligible for payment.

VIII. ALBERTA HOKKAIDO AGRICULTURE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Purpose: The purpose of the program is to provide an exchange of people involved in agriculture and thereby improve the sharing of technical information and the cultural and social understanding between Alberta and Japan. Exchanges within this program could conceivably occur between Alberta and other countries that visualize benefit through formal affiliation with each other.

Terms: Participants will be practising farmers, agricultural students or individuals serving as educators of the above groups, who are 18 years of age or over and willing to support the purpose of the exchange. The duration of the exchange is expected to be one full year for farmers but may be flexible for other participants.

Exchangees may receive financial assistance during participation in the exchange. Assistance, if provided, is the responsibility of the originating country.

Available to: Technical and/or professional agriculturists 18 years of age or over.

Apply to: Extension Division
2nd. Floor Alberta Agriculture
7000 - 113 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T6H 5T6

Benefits: Broadening of views and better understanding of the cultures of our neighbours and fellow agriculturists and other in the associated countries of the world in general. This is particularly true for the exchangees but also applies to a lesser extent to the host families in the recipient country.

Increased trade is a fringe benefit as buyers prefer to deal with a culture and people they trust and respect.

IX. PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Purpose: Provide comprehensive study programs in the agricultural field.

Fairview College, Olds College, and the Vermilion Campus Lakeland College offer comprehensive programs of study to prepare the students for careers in most fields of agriculture for both on and off-farm employment. A number of business firms, organizations and individuals, to demonstrate their interest in the work of these institutions, have made available considerable financial assistance to students.

As well as on campus studies, there are correspondence courses available at Olds College and Lakeland College.

Olds Correspondence Courses:

1. Introduction to Farm Accounting
2. Advanced Farm Accounting, Income Tax and Estate Planning.
3. Introduction to Farm Management
4. Introduction to Marketing Agricultural Products
5. Farm Finance
6. Horticulture for the Home Gardener
7. Small Engines
8. Air Photo Use.(available by 1984)

Olds College and the University of Guelph have a co-operative arrangement whereby each institution has the right to use courses offered by the other. There are enough Guelph courses available through Olds to offer the entire Ontario Horticulture Diploma Program by correspondence. Course details available from Olds College. (556-8355) Correspondence Division.

Lakeland Courses:

1. Ground Maintenance
2. Pesticides - Dealer
3. Pesticides - Applicator
4. Welding
5. Retail Nursery and Garden Centre

Terms: A large variety of bursaries, scholarships and prizes of varying amounts are available to students. For more information contact the above colleges.

Available to: Students enrolling or enrolled in programs of study at the agricultural colleges.

Apply to: The registrars at the colleges:

Fairview College Fairview, Alberta T0H 1L0 835-2213	Olds College Olds, Alberta T0M 1P0 556-8281	Vermilion Campus Lakeland College VERMILION, Alberta T0B 0M0 853-2971

X. ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO ALBERTA FARMERS

NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROGRAM	CONTACT
1. AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING EXTENSION SERVICES Advice on all types of agricultural engineering problems. (i.e. farm buildings, farmstead planning, materials handling and processing, energy, livestock waste management, soil and water management and farm power and machinery and mechanization.	Regional Agricultural Engineers and/or Regional Agricultural Engineering Technologists or Head Engineering Field Services Branch Alberta Agriculture 7000 - 113 Street Edmonton, Alberta T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-2181
2. AGRICULTURAL LAW SOLICITORS The agricultural public - farmers, farm organizations, agri-business and government personnel, use this office as an information resource and counselling center for interpreting agricultural laws. Such information is disseminated throughout all the communication medias, prepare opinions, letters, telephone calls, personal interviews both in-office and in district agriculturists' offices and farm law lectures.	Agricultural Law Solicitors Alberta Agriculture Agriculture Center Lethbridge, Alberta T1J 4C7 Telephone: 329-5131 or 2nd. Floor, Agriculture Building 7000 - 113 Street Edmonton, Alberta T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-2402

NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROGRAM	CONTACT

3. ALBERTA FARM IMPLEMENT ACT ADMINISTRATION

Is responsible for licensing farm implement dealers and distributors in Alberta. The inspectors assist farmers in:
- settling warranty complaints
- procuring emergency repair parts, back-order parts and parts for farm equipment not available in Alberta.

Inspectors, Alberta Farm Implement Act, Administration
Edmonton - Telephone: 427-2188
Olds - Telephone: 556-4223
or Engineer, Alberta Farm Implement Act, Administration
Agriculture Building
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-2188

4. ALBERTA 4-H PROGRAM

To facilitate information education opportunities for rural youth. Information in 30 different areas is available and members are encouraged to enhance their inter-personal skills through public speaking programs, workshops, seminars, camps and various recreational events.

Head
4-H Branch
Alberta Agriculture
2nd. Floor, Agriculture Bldg.
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-2541

5. ALBERTA GREEN CERTIFICATE FARM TRAINING PROGRAM

A unique apprenticeship type educational program to develop potential farm workers, foremen/ herdsmen and farm managers. Candidates must be prepared to pursue an employment centered program of training leading to a career in the agricultural industry.

Farm Training Specialists in Lethbridge, Airdrie, Red Deer Vermilion, Barrhead, Fairview, Bonneyville,
District Agriculturists or,
Supervisor, Farm Training Section
Alberta Agriculture
2nd. Floor Agriculture Building
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-2173

6. CROP IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Designed to provide information on cropping procedures, production and marketing of cereals, oilseeds, forage and special crops.

Supervisor, Cereal Crops
Supervisor, Oilseed Crops
Supervisor, Special Crops
Supervisor, Forages
Supervisor, Range Management
Field Crops Branch
Alberta Agriculture
5718 - 56 Avenue, Bag #47
Lacombe, Alberta
TOC 1SO Telephone: 782-4641
or Edmonton Telephone: 423-4216

NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROGRAM	CONTACT
7. DISTRICT AGRICULTURIST SERVICES	
Offer short courses and provide information on all aspects of agriculture.	Local District Agriculturist or Director, Extension Division Alberta Agriculture 2nd Floor Agriculture Building 7000 - 113 Street Edmonton, Alberta T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-2402
8. DISTRICT HOME ECONOMIST SERVICE	
Extend home economics information and education services to help people develop their abilities to manage their resources. Offer programs, publications and individual counselling in family resource management, foods, nutrition, clothing, textiles, housing and leadership development.	Local District Home Economist or Head, Home Economics Branch Alberta Agriculture 2nd. Floor, Agriculture Building 7000 - 113 Street Edmonton, Alberta T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-2412
9. FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT BRANCH	
To provide advice and information on matters such as business arrangements, estate planning, leasing, credit management, analysis of records, farm taxation, computer information and farm budgeting, as well as Managing Agricultural Technology For Profit - a three day seminar held annually in Banff.	Head, Farm Business Management Branch Alberta Agriculture Box 2000 5030 - 50 Street Olds, Alberta T0M 1P0 Telephone: 556-4240
10. FEED TESTING SERVICE	
To analyze feedstuffs for primary producers, recommendations for ration requirements, recommendations for crop production problems.	Director, Soil and Feed Testing Laboratory Alberta Agriculture 5909 - 116 Street Edmonton, Alberta T6H 4P2 Telephone: 436-9150
11. INTERNATIONAL MARKETING	
Develop, co-ordinate and implement policies and programs that will optimize exports of agricultural commodities, processed products and technical services from Alberta; define and evaluate export opportunities; establish lines of communication; provide promotional, financial and sales contract assistance to Alberta suppliers.	Assistant Deputy Minister International Marketing Alberta Agriculture 3rd. Floor, Agriculture Bldg. 7000 - 113 Street Edmonton, Alberta T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-4241

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12. LIVESTOCK REGULATORY SERVICE

Responsible for the registration renewal and transfer of cattle and horse brands; maintains and provides information from brand inspection records; licenses livestock dealers, agents and stockyards to protect livestock producers from unscrupulous trade practices; maintains and coordinates current information on all missing and stolen livestock; provides information on proper branding and identification practices; prepares and issues provincial brand books.

Co-ordinator
Regulatory Services
Alberta Agriculture
4809 - 48 Street
Stettler, Alberta
T0C 2L0 Telephone: 742-3034

13. MARKETING SERVICES DIVISION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

To support and encourage the growth and development of Alberta's commodity, feed, food and beverage industry. Basically available to agricultural producers who wish to venture into processing. Each project is assessed on an individual basis and judged on its feasibility.

Director,
Marketing Services Division
Alberta Agriculture
3rd. Floor Agriculture Building
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-3166

14. MUNICIPAL SEED CLEANING PLANT PROGRAM

Designed to provide high quality seed cleaning and minimize the spread of weed seeds - three programs:

- establishment cost sharing
- upgrading cost sharing
- replacement cost sharing

Authorized under the Agricultural Service Board Act.

Supervisor
Cereal and Oilseed Crops
Alberta Agriculture
Bag Service # 47
Lacombe, Alberta
T0C 1S0 Telephone: 782-4641

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15. PLANT DISEASE AND INSECT IDENTIFICATION AND CONTROL: PLANT IDENTIFICATION AND WEED CONTROL PROGRAMS

Provides identification and control recommendations for plant disease and insects; provides plant identification and weed control recommendations. These services are provided by:

Local district agriculturist
or
agricultural fieldman

1. Alberta Environment Centre
   Bag Service 4000
   Vegreville, Alberta.
   T0B 4L0 Telephone: 632-6767

2. Regional Crops Laboratory
   Box 10
   Olds, Alberta
   T0M 1P0 Telephone: 556-4282

3. Regional Crops Laboratory
   Horticulture Research Centre
   Brooks, Alberta
   T0J 0J0 Telephone: 362-5551

4. Regional Crops Laboratory
   Alberta Agriculture
   Fairview, Alberta
   T0H 1L0

16. PREVENTIVE MEDICINE BRANCH

Responsible for preventive veterinary medicine through inspection programs, education and farm visits. Field staff are responsible for enforcement of acts, collection of epidemiological data on diseases, administration of swine herd health and pasture programs, development of extension programs for producers and veterinarians, investigation of disease problems on farms and supervision of government owned veterinary clinics.

Head
Preventive Medicine Branch
Alberta Agriculture
6909 - 116 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 4P2 Telephone: 436-9340

17. PRODUCTION COSTS AND RETURNS INFORMATION

To provide farmers with the costs and returns involved in producing various agricultural commodities in different areas of Alberta and under varying conditions.

Head
Production Economics Branch
Alberta Agriculture
3rd. Floor, Agriculture Bldg.
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-5396

18. RANGE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Responsible for study in the areas of range management and assistance to producers.

Supervisor, Range Management
Alberta Agriculture
Field Crops Branch
Bag Service 47
Lacombe, Alberta
T0C 1S0 Telephone: 782-4641

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19. RECORD OF PERFORMANCE PROGRAM - BEEF AND SHEEP

Provides performance test programs for beef and sheep, administered within the framework of the federal-provincial guidelines. Programs are designed to provide breeders with performance trait and management information.

Supervisor, Beef Cattle
Performance Testing, Ph. 427-5079
Supervisor, Sheep
Performance Testing, Ph. 427-5079
2nd Floor, Agriculture Bldg.
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6

20. SOIL CONSERVATION PROGRAM

To assist farmers with soil erosion salinity, acid soils or solonetzic soil problems through advice, information and financial assistance through Municipal Agricultural Service Boards.

Supervisor
Soil Conservation, Soil Branch
2nd. Floor Agriculture Building
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-5347

21. SOIL TESTING SERVICE

Analysis of soils to determine plant available nutrient contents, soil acidity, alkalinity, soluble salts, levels of elements such as aluminum and manganese. Recommendations for fertility and cultural practices are then made to the submitter.

Director
Soil and Feed Testing Lab.
Alberta Agriculture
8th Floor
6909 - 116 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 4P2 Telephone: 427-9150

22. WATER WELL RECOVERY PROGRAM

Water Well Recovery Program is available to compensate farmers for the majority of their costs, in reestablishing their water well, if the alleged damage was caused by either a seismic operation or the drilling of an oil or gas well - and are successful in providing their case in a hearing.

Farmers' Advocate
3rd. Floor Agriculture Building
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-2433

NOTE: The additional programs listed above are intended to provide an indication of the variety of services provided by Alberta Agriculture. Many other services are available. If you have a specific concern, contact your district extension office.

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